

Cohasset Mariner

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Editorial

Unnecessary Expenses

The appropriation for legal expenses for Cohasset is \$500 a year. Unforeseen and extraordinary costs beyond that may be transferred by approval of the Advisory Board.

That \$500 sum seems hardly able to cover this year's litigation costs for harbor court cases alone. Are these suits necessary or are they the result of ignorance of and disregard for harbor and mooring regulations? Are residents aware of the fact that the town and the Harbormaster have the right to establish and enforce those regulations?

Selectman Arthur Clark, Assistant Town Counsel Richard Henderson and Harbormaster Harry Ritter have been summoned to court almost weekly this summer.

"We've certainly had a flurry of suits lately," Clark said, putting it mildly in his usual easy-going manner. What he didn't say is that every time he has to go to court, he is being taken away from the town hall. Don't forget, Clark serves as a town manager of sorts for Cohasset, and his not being in the Selectmen's office to handle business hurts the town.

Harry Ritter's place is in the harbor, not in court. With all the mooring, boating, fishing, construction and town line issues going on now in the harbor, Ritter's time is required there more than ever.

Richard Henderson has been grumbling all month about the excessive amount of energies that have gone into a glorified parking problem, also known as the Marr mooring battle.

"Stenographic costs for depositions and from Master hearings could be very expensive," he said. The Marr case alone could cost \$1500 or \$2000. "All legal costs pertaining to litigation have to be paid by the town," he said.

Exactly.

Dial the Mariner at 545-3950.

Letters

Crosby Members Sought

To the Editor:

As president of the Kathryn Crosby Fan Club, I am writing to ask you if you will please print this information about our fan club.

I am sure that many fans of Kathryn Crosby do not know that we have a large club and

if anyone in the South Shore area would like to join they can contact me.

Kathryn will be appearing at the Cohasset Music Circus in "Guys and Dolls" starting July 16 through July 21.

Caroline Dawson
West Somerville

Here's Mud In Your..... Er... School?

A mud room isn't exactly an unknown quantity like where exactly Skylab would plop.

Many a home has one.

Usually it's a smallish-sized area between garage or even outdoors and kitchen. It provides exactly the service its name implies. Breezeways serve the purpose ideally.

Rubbers, overshoes, boots and accompanying foul weather garb are left there rather than track mud, snow, or water whatever all over Mom's waxed kitchen floor and wall-to-wall carpets or prized Orientals.

Small residents get brushed off there before entering the main menage (when caught in time).

Dad may shake out his trouser cuffs of clippings after mowing the lawn in the event he forgets to do it outdoors.

Some mud rooms do double duty as laundries, a handy idea since usually what's dumped there needs a scrub-down anyway.

They probably are a hang-over from the ell on old New England farmhouses which served the same purpose for Old MacDonald, trudging in from milking the cows or slopping the hogs, tracking mentionables and unmentionables along with him.

Usually mud rooms are floored with slate, brick, flag or tile, the more easily to remove the leavings.

Some are pin-neat, according to the penchants of the housekeeper or cleaning service, depending on who wins the job.

Others are carbon copies of Fibber McGee's closet catchalls. And they catch an un-

believable variety of items. Everything from bikes and trikes to whatever else isn't deemed suitable for the inner sanctum sanctorums.

Necessarily there is evidence of mud in such rooms unless they've just been cleaned.

What else would you expect to find in a mud room, gas?

However, the mud is usually limited to a clump here, a clump there. Even the most casual household doesn't accumulate the stuff to the point it dominates the entire decor.

So when they tell you Cohasset's high school/junior high complex has a mud room, there's hardly anything to get excited about. Even kids that age track in mud. It sounds like a pretty functional idea.

Then, though, you find out that this is a real mud room. It's wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling mud.

The school population isn't large enough to have brought in that much grime.

The purpose is intriguing. Could be a supply for making mudpies? But that would come in handy only if it were a kindergarten.

If cosmetology were on the Cohasset curriculum, it would be entirely obvious that the material was stored for the mud pack course.

Were the room at Town Hall, you might figure it was held in reserve for election campaigns so candidates sling it at each other.

Now the athletes — football, soccer, field hockey, track, even baseball and softball-do pick up a certain amount of mud on their spikes and cleats. It's possible when

their footwear is cleaned, the residue is dumped in the mud room to get it out of the way. Possible! But it would take the entire National Football League, American and National Baseball Leagues and the hordes of Attila the Hun, including their horses, to accumulate that mountain.

One might say the picture is muddy. And the thought behind the purpose muddled.

The explanation doesn't clear the muddied waters much.

Report is that when the building was constructed, the room simply wasn't excavated: ergo, the mud room.

It is indeed an architectural novelty, possibly a first.

Conceivably the idea was to leave room for future expansion.

Smart planning! Except that now in order to utilize the space, the mud has to go.

To do that will require excavating the mud manually through a door. Yeah, door! Every mud room a door.

That should keep some pick-and-shovelers in groceries for quite a spell.

But, it's also reported, there's another problem.

Such excavation means the foundation footings would be weakened and have to be strengthened. Naturally, that costs a few thou, like everything else today, which should do wonders for the mood of town taxpayers. Or is it mud?

Nobody, however, can contest that meanwhile the structure is unique as school buildings go.

Only a super-critical individual would suggest that the thing is, in a word, mud spelled backwards.

Around Town Hall

WATER OKAY

Superintendent of the Water Department Edwin Pratt said that there is no shortage of water and no restrictions on water use for Cohasset residents despite the hot and dry weather.

TRESPASSING CHARGE

Selectmen are charged with trespassing by William Figueiredo and were summoned to Quincy District Court on July 18. According to Selectman Arthur Clark, Figueiredo claims that he owns portions of the creek, which feeds into the harbor and which contain four of his moorings.

Harbormaster Harry Ritter said this week that he had initiated action against Figueiredo for mooring in the creek in violation of the mooring regulations. "He is mooring without supervision, direction or permission from the Harbormaster," Ritter said. That case is going to Dedham Superior Court on July 19.



BREAKWATER

As a part of the engineering contract with the town, Hickey Associates must obtain an Army Corps of Engineers permit and a DEQE permit before the reconstruction of the breakwater near the Belarmine Estate can proceed. Payment of these additional services will be borne in full by the Disaster Relief Team.

APPEALS DECISION

Ocean Bay Nurseries of 231 Chief Justice Cushing High-

way has been denied a site plan approval by the Planning Board.

The denial is based on the failure to submit enough information in accordance with the Zoning Bylaw for the Planning Board to approve the request. The Planning Board requested and has not received an easement for utility poles on the southerly boundary of the property, certified drainage calculations, verification by easement or otherwise of the drainage water, utilities available at the site and copies of a revised site plan.

The decision will be reviewed with submission of pertinent data and acceptance by the Planning Board by August 6.

Ocean Bay Nurseries was also notified by Building Inspector James Litchfield that the Special Permit to use a trailer, approved by the Board of Appeals in April, has expired as of June 30.